

**PROCLAMATION
DECLARING LOMA LINDA A
RELAY FOR LIFE COMMUNITY**

***WHEREAS**, cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States in that one in four deaths in the United States is from cancer; and*

***WHEREAS**, an estimated 54,340 Americans are expected to die from cancer, more than 150 per day; and*

***WHEREAS**, a projected 15 million Californians (two in five) who are currently living, will develop cancer during their lifetime; and*

***WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem; and*

***WHEREAS**, the **Relay For Life** is the American Cancer Society's signature event and means by which the organization accomplishes its' mission; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Loma Linda has the pleasure of supporting the **Relay For Life** to honor cancer survivors, educate the general public about the importance of early detection and prevention of cancer, and raise funds in the fight against cancer; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. Leonard Bailey, renowned surgeon and cancer survivor, is the Honorary Chair of the First Annual Relay For Life of Loma Linda to be held at Leonard Bailey Park;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Floyd Petersen, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the City of Loma Linda a **Relay For Life** community, and urge our citizens to participate in this effort to eradicate cancer as a major health problem through research, education, advocacy and service.*

***FURTHER**, I declare June 17-18, 2006, as **Relay for Life Weekend** in the City of Loma Linda and urge the community to support the event at the Leonard Bailey Park.*

Signed and presented this 13th day of June 2006.

Floyd Petersen, Mayor